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Applicants: James G. Wetmur et al.

Serial No. 09/898,750

Filed: July 3, 2001

Title: **NUCLEIC ACID DISPLACER COMPOSITIONS
AND CELLS COMPRISING SAME
(As Previously Amended)**

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known

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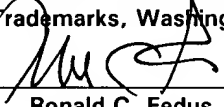
Dear Sirs:

Through their undersigned attorney, Applicants respectfully request information on the status of their above-identified patent application. This application was filed as a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) on July 3, 2001. Since that time, a return postcard was received that indicated the serial number (09/898,750) and filing date (July 3, 2001) for this application.

According to the files of the Assignee, no filing receipt or other communication has yet been received in this application.

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A telephone call was placed during the week of December 16-20, 2002 to Group Art Unit 1600 (Tel. 703-308-0196) by the undersigned attorney who was informed that this application was still in Central Files and that no communications were issued since its filing on July 3, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that a filing receipt be issued as soon as possible and that the application be transferred to the assigned group so that examination can proceed promptly.

Favorable action on this inquiry is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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